

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed 11/9/99, Claims 1-7 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 5,947,485. Claims 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In response, Applicant has herein amended the Specification and Drawing Figure 7 to apply labels to previously-depicted features claimed in Claim 10. No new matter has been entered as the concave and convex surfaces of the Tabs and Struts were depicted in the application as originally filed, however, they failed to include labels. Applicant further has herein submitted a Terminal Disclaimer in the MPEP format.

Consequently, Applicant respectfully asserts that all grounds for rejection have been overcome, and the application is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered, the claims be allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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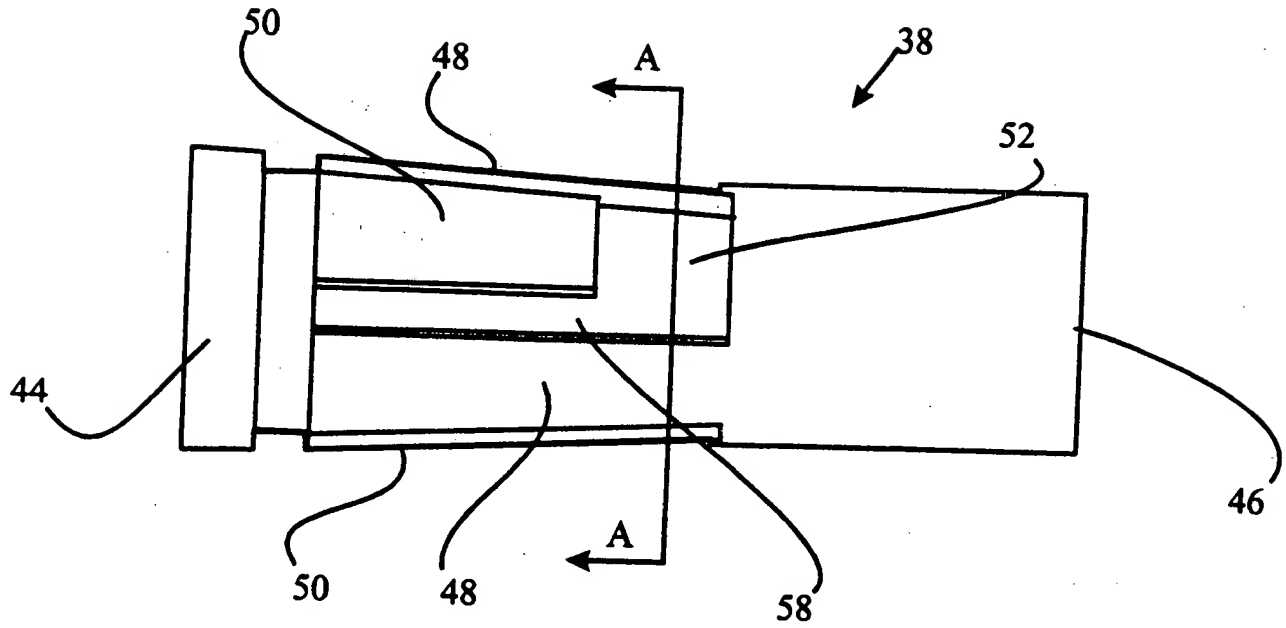


FIGURE 6

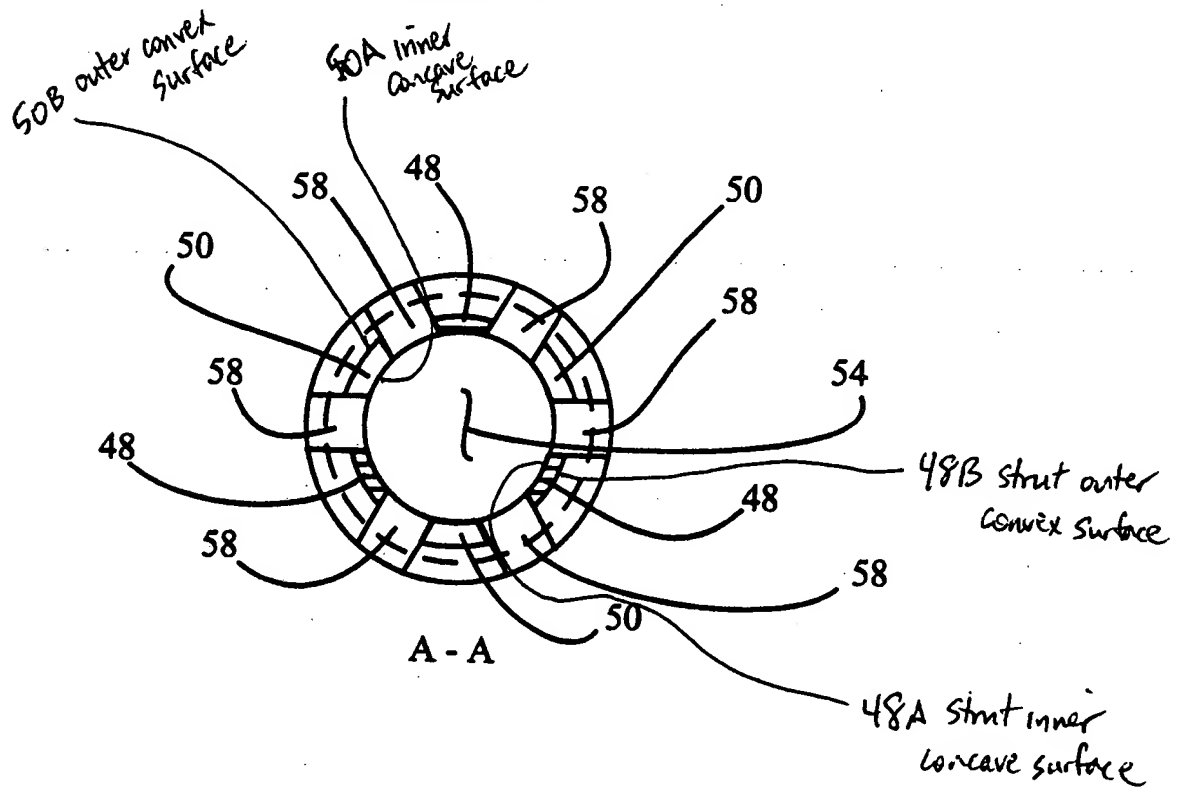


FIGURE 7